

## A G E N D A



Thursday, October 23, 2008

**Parks and Recreation  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

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**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the application for up to \$168,000 in grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department State Boating Access grant to improve the boat ramp at Walter E. Long Park.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** The City will match 25% of all granted funds. Funding in the amount of \$42,000 for the grant match is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Special Revenue Trust in Agency Fund established for Walter E. Long improvements.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated financial impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Angela Means, Division Manager at 974-6712

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The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) desires to construct a boating access facility at Walter E. Long Park.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) provides matching fund grant assistance for major repairs of existing public boat ramps from funds derived from the federal gasoline tax generated by sales of gasoline for recreational motorboats and a federal excise tax on the sales of fishing tackle and trolling motors.

In order to apply for a grant, TPWD requires that the City Council approve this resolution acknowledging their awareness and approval of the Parks and Recreation Department's application prior to submittal. By this action the City Council will authorize the Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) to file a grant application for up to \$168,000 with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for this state boating access grant.

If granted, the State of Texas through TPWD would enter into an agreement for construction and a 75% matching grant for up to \$168,000. PAR will provide a match of 25%.

Under the terms of the agreement, PAR will manage the facility, perform all necessary maintenance and repairs to ensure public use, health and safety; and provide security to eliminate creation of nuisance or hazard to the public or adjacent property owners for the life of the facility for a minimum of 25 years.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.